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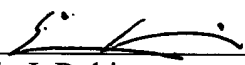
Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99,
it is requested that the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of
record in the above-identified application.

Copies of the references are submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R.
1.98(a).

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